(in lakh tonnes)

S.No.	Period	Allocation	Offtake
3.	June 2000 to March 2001	0.90	0.12
4.	June 2001 to March 2002	1.15	0.43 (upto February, 2002)

(ii) Haryana (in lakh tonnes)

S.No.	Period	Allotment	Offtake
1.	June 1998 to March 1999	1.30	0.67
2.	June 1999 to March 2000	1.30	0.45
3.	June 2000 to March 2001	1.54	0.39
4.	June 2001 to March 2002	1.87	0.75 (upto February, 2002)

BPL Ration Card Holders under TPDS

1958. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considering to supply foodgrains to cover all the BPL ration card holders by making additional allocation of foodgrains;

(b) if so, whether any State other than Gujarat has also made request for additional allocation of foodgrains to cover all the ration card holders identified as BPL families by them;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to cover all the BPL ration card holders under the TPDS; and

(d) if so, by when, the left out BPL families would be covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Many State Governments including Gujarat have requested for making additional allocation of foodgrains to cover all ration card holders identified as BPL families by them. Government of Gujarat has identified 33.90 lakh BPL families as against the estimated number of 21.20 lakh BPL families projected as on 1.3.2000.

(c) and (d) The allocation of foodgrains for BPL families under the TPDS is being made as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 based on the methodology of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor. The population base of 1995 for the estimation of BPL families at the time of introduction of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been changed to 1.3.2000 *w.e.f.* December, 2000, thereby increasing the total number of BPL families from 596.23 lakhs to 652.03 lakhs at the national level. This basis has been applied to all States/Union Territories without exception. It is, therefore, not possible to accede to the requests received from the State Governments to increase the allocation of foodgrains as per the number of BPL families identified by them.

Mounting Stocks of Sugar

1959. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 28th January, 2002 under the caption "State sugar industry reels under mounting stocks"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto and what corrective steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?